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The General Assembly,

Observing the current economic and social difficulties faced by many developing countries,

Aware of the great, and growing, global need for financial and other resources to address those difficulties,

Noting the progress being made towards presentation of an agenda for development by the Secretary-General,

Determined to uphold the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the commitment to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Pledged to encourage and support efforts to increase opportunity and participation in all countries, particularly in the economies of developing countries,

Taking special note of the request dated 28 April 1993 for the inclusion of the present item in the provisional agenda 1/ of the forty-eighth session, and all related documents on the United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the

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Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, which provide the overall framework for economic growth and development,

Recalling its resolutions 46/144 of 17 December 1991 on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and 47/181 of 22 December 1992 on an agenda for development,

Taking into account the Cartagena Commitment, 2/ the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 3/ the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, 4/ Agenda 21 5/ and all other relevant decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Takes note with interest of the report of the Secretary-General on progress being made in the preparation of an agenda for development;

2. Decides that an ad hoc panel of distinguished expert and experienced persons, broadly representative of the international community, to be known as the "United Nations Panel on Opportunity and Participation", shall be appointed to conduct a comprehensive study of opportunity and participation, with particular reference to the economies of developing countries;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint the members of the Panel from existing lists of expertise within the United Nations system and other sources so that they may commence their study in January 1994, in order to prepare a comprehensive, systematic and thorough report, including appropriate conclusions and practical recommendations, based on their own independent judgement, in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session in 1995;

2/ TD/364, part one, sect. A, "A New Partnership for Development: The Cartagena Commitment", adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session, held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 8 to 25 February 1992.

3/ Resolution 46/151, annex, sect. II.

4/ Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

5/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publications, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference.

4. Invites Member States and international organizations to contribute on a voluntary basis towards implementation of the present resolution;

5. Decides to make "Opportunity and participation" an important theme to be encouraged and developed for and by the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, forthcoming United Nations international conferences and the proposed report on an agenda for development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the work of the Panel to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled "United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation".
